

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting at Champaign, Illinois, September 2-5.

Mrs. Walter W. Naumburg, who worked as a research associate under Frank Michler Chapman at the American Museum of Natural History, has founded a Chapman Memorial Fund "to promote the study of living birds of the Western Hemisphere." The income of the fund will be used to establish fellowships for students engaged in special field studies.

Lt. Col. W. P. C. Tenison, Editor of the *Aves* section of the *Zoological Record*, was recently elected Editor of the *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club*.

An advance brochure announces the early publication of what promises to be a very fine (and certainly much needed) book on Chilean birds, by J. D. Goodall, A. W. Johnson, and R. A. Philippi B. The brochure includes sample pages with text and a selection of excellent color plates from paintings by J. D. Goodall. The authors' intentions are so commendable that they seem worth quoting at length: "It has been our aim to produce a comprehensive Manual covering all species and subspecies so far reported from Chilean territory, combining, in so far as possible, the scientific approach with a general text calculated to stimulate interest in the lay reader. Intended primarily for use in Latin-America, the book has necessarily been written in Spanish.

"A separate colour-plate for each bird being out of the question on account of the prohibitive cost, a careful selection has been made of the best known or most representative species in each family or in some cases, genus, so as to give the widest possible coverage and facilitate field identification of the other species by tying in their respective descriptions with the one illustrated. In every case, the drawings have been made from first hand knowledge of the actual bird and its natural surroundings or habitat."

O. J. Murie, the artist and naturalist, who has been a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club since 1934, is the new director of the Wilderness Society.

A. Starker Leopold, Director of Field Research in the Conservation Section of the Pan American Union, received a 1946 Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for the preparation of a book on the gallinaceous game birds of Mexico.

The headquarters of the British Ornithologists' Union are now at the British Museum (Natural History), South Kensington. Communications for the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and for the Editor of the *Ibis* should be addressed to them % Bird Room, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 7.

Walter J. Breckenridge, the artist and naturalist, has been appointed director of the Minnesota Museum of Natural History to succeed Thomas S. Roberts.

Alexander F. Skutch, known to *Wilson Bulletin* readers for his excellent articles on the birds of Central America, has been awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for 1946. He plans to make his headquarters at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology while preparing a book on the life histories of Central American birds.

Charles W. Schwartz, of Columbia, Missouri, a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club since 1943, has been appointed Biologist of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry of the Territory of Hawaii. He will be in charge of the wildlife conservation and game management program.